

Room Name Change

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name change of the Mt. Evans Ballroom to the Mt. Blue Sky Ballroom

BACKGROUND

In the fall of 2023, the U.S. Geological Survey’s Board of Geographic Names voted to rename Mount Evans as Mount Blue Sky. This followed a recommendation to the U.S.G.S. from Governor Polis based upon the work of the Colorado Geographic Naming Advisory Board.

Mount Evans was named after Colorado’s territorial governor John Evans. Evans was forced out of office for his role in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre, which killed more than 230 Cheyenne and Arapaho people. Tribal leaders and others have pushed for the name change for years.

UNC has three ballrooms in the University Center that make up the Rocky Mountain Grand Ballroom – Longs Peak, Mt. Evans, and Pikes Peak. Consistent with state and federal actions on naming, UNC staff recommends renaming the Mt. Evans Ballroom to the Mt. Blue Sky Ballroom. This will require updates to signage, websites, scheduling systems, and other media.

Per Section 1-1-601 of the Board Policy Manual, the Board of Trustees has the authority to name facilities.



Responsible Staff

6/5/24

Date



President

6/6/24

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Board Action

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